GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Sri B.Ch.Appa Rao, the then P&E Inspector and 8 other P&E officials for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of Srikakulam District - Placed on their defence before the Commissionerate of Inquiries - Inquiry Report received - Charges held not proved - Further action dropped - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 413 **Dated: 09-05-2025**

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc. No. 74/RCO-VSP/2012, Dated 12-11-2012 (Cr.No.4/RCO-ACB-VZM/2012).
2. Govt. Memo No.51873/Vig.V(2)/2012, dated 16-01-2013.
3. Govt. Memo.No.51873/Vig.V(1)/2012-4, dated 03.06.2013
4. G.O.Rt.No.881,Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept.,dated 11-08-2016. (IA-Dr.Premchand)
5. G.O.Rt.No.311, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated16-03-2017.(PO)
6. G.O.Rt.No.141, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 25-01-2018.
7. G.O.Rt.No.1320, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 19-09-2018.
8. G.O.Rt.No.1561, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 09-11-2018.
9. G.O.Rt.No.1630, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 22-11-2018.(PO)
10. G.O.Rt.No.248, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 20-02-2020.
11. G.O.Rt.No.351, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 22-06-2021.(IA-KVR)
12. Govt. U.O.Note No. 51873/Vig.IV(2)/2012, dated 26.08.2021.
13. From Sri K. Venkata Ramireddy, Member, COI, GA Department, D.O. Lr. No. 47/COI-KVR/2021, dated 24.11.2022 & 19.10.2023 along with the enquiry reports.
14. Govt. Memo.No.51873/Vig.IV(2)/2012, dated 05-03-2024.
15. Written explanations received from Sri T. Srinivasa Rao, DC/DGM, on 06.05.2024; Sri S. V. V. N. Babji Rao, former P&E Superintendent, Palasa, on 18.04.2024; Sri G. Kutumba Rao, former AP&ES, on 06.01.2025; Sri Y. Balakrishna, former P&E Inspector, on 30.12.2024; and Sri B. Ch. Appa Rao, former P&E Inspector, on 30.12.2024.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, it was brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, ACB, that certain officials of the Prohibition & Excise Department, Srikakulam District, were involved in the liquor syndicate case, on allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy. The Director General, ACB recommended the AOs i.e. Sri B. Ch. Appa Rao, then P&E Inspector, and eight other P&E officials to place their deffence before the Commissionerate of Inquiries. Accordingly, Articles of Charge were issued against them. The details are as follows:

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Sl. No.	Name of the Accused Officer sarvasri	Designation	Place	A.O. No.	G.O.Rt.No., dated
1	Sri B.Ch. Appa Rao	P&E Inspector, O/o (Enft)	Sompeta	20	824, Dt.04.06.2013
2	D. Badrinath	P&E Sudpt.	Srikakulam	24	829, Dt.05.06.2013
3	Sri T. Srinivasa Rao	P&E Sudpt.	Srikakulam	25	831, Dt.05.06.2013
4	Sri P. Surya Rao	P&E Supdt. (Rtd)	Srikakulam	26	825, Dt.04.06.2013
5	Sri K. Balarama Krishna	AP&ES FAC ES	Srikakulam	27	833, Dt.05.06.2013
6	Sri S.V.V.N. Babji Rao	P&E Supdt.	Palasa Unit	28	834, Dt.05.06.2013
7	Sri G. Kutumba Rao	AP&ES	Palasa Unit	29	827, Dt.05.06.2013
8	Sri K. Chitti Babu	AP&ES FAC ES	Palasa	30	CPE Progs Cr.No.5645/2013/ CPE/SR-l, dated 22.06.2013.
9	Sri Y. Balakrishna	P&E Inspector	Kothuru	15	318, Dt.03.03.2014

2. In the references 5th, 6th and 8th to 10th read above, Members, COI were appointed as Inquiring Authorities and also appointed Panel Advocates as Presenting Officers to conduct Inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officers. From time to time the case was reassigned to other Members, CoI on administration grounds.

3. In the 7th reference read above, the Government abated further action against Sri D. Badrinath, P&E Superintendent, as he had expired on 04.01.2018 before the conclusion of the case.

4. In the 11th reference read above, Sri K. Venkatarami Reddy, Member, COI, was appointed as the Inquiring Authority to conduct the Inquiry against the charged officers, excluding Sri K. Balarama Krishna, Assistant Excise Superintendent (FAC ES), and Sri K. Chitti Babu, Assistant Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, in view of the orders obtained by them from the Hon'ble High Court.

5. In the reference 13th read above, the Inquiring Authority submitted the inquiry report. In the inquiry, the charges were not held proved against the charged officers. After examining the report, the Government have communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to all the Charged Officers vide reference 14th read above.

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6. All the charged officers, except Sri P. Surya Rao (Retired P&E Superintendent), submitted their written representations stating that they agreed with the findings of the Inquiring Authority and requested that further action against them be dropped.

7. After careful examination of the matter, the Government, have decided and accordingly, issued orders to drop further action in the departmental proceedings initiated against the following officers, as the charges were not held proved in the Inquiry:

1) Sri B. Ch. Appa Rao, P&E Inspector.
2) Sri T. Srinivasa Rao, P&E Inspector.
3) Sri P. Surya Rao, P&E Superintendent (Retd.).
4) Sri S.V.V.N. Babji Rao, P&E Superintendent.
5) Sri G. Kutumba Rao, AP&ES.
6) Sri Y. Balakrishna, P&E Inspector.

8. The Director of Prohibition and Excise, A.P. shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individuals (through the Director of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Mangalagiri).
The Director of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, A.P.Secretariat, Velgapudi.
The Director General, ACB, AP, Vijayawada.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER